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PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND THE CONFERENCE ITSELF

Status of the voluntary fund

Report of the Secretary-General

1. It will be recalled that, in response to the decision of the General Assembly, in its resolution 46/116 of 17 December 1992, to invite voluntary contributions to assist least developed countries to participate in the World Conference and its preparatory process, a voluntary fund was established.
2. At the second session of the Preparatory Committee, the Committee decided that the criteria for the fund should be modified to defray the travel costs and to provide a daily subsistence allowance for one representative of each of the least developed countries at the preparatory meetings and at the World Conference itself. The Committee also decided to reiterate its invitation for contributions of extrabudgetary resources to meet the additional costs associated with its decision.

3. A table showing the contributions to date to the voluntary fund, the financial requirements of meeting the costs associated with the fund for the remaining meetings in the preparatory process for the World Conference and the outstanding balance is attached at annex. On the occasion of the present report, the Secretary-General reiterates his previous appeals to States that may be in a position to do so to contribute to the fund.

4. A note verbale was sent to the Governments of the least developed countries on 26 June 1992, advising them of the availability of financial assistance for their representatives to attend the third session of the Preparatory Committee and requesting that they advise the Centre for Human Rights if they wished financial assistance for that purpose. A further note soliciting requests for assistance was sent on 15 August 1992. As of the date of the present report, a total of 28 requests for assistance had been received by the secretariat.

Annex

LCD FUND: STATUS AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1992

<u>Donor</u>	<u>US\$</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	
		<u>CHF</u>	<u>Other</u>
Australia	11 253		
China	11 000		
Czech and Slovak Federal Republic	2 000		
Denmark	35 000		
Finland	68 248		
France	17 855		+ FF 200 000 <u>a/</u>
Germany	107 302		
Ireland	8 307		
Kuwait	10 067		
Morocco	4 980		
Netherlands	111 111		
New Zealand	8 250		
Norway	29 958		
Sweden	49 140		
United Kingdom	38 272		
TOTAL	492 743		+FF 200 000
REQUIREMENTS	985 000		
BALANCE	492 257		-FF 200 000

a/ Note verbale of 31 July 1992 advising of additional contribution of FF 200,000.
